Religious Miscellany.

For the Vermont Watchman

When the tollsome day is ended, Glad I sit me down to rest— Sit me down and watch the twilight, As the sun sinks in the west.

*Tis a time when God seems nearer. Bends to bear his children pray, And my hope of heaven grows dearer At the closing of the day.

Gasing at the golden g'ory, Making earth so wonderous fair, Fills my sisful heart with longings-Deepest longins, e-ruest prayer;

Longings for a lonely spirit, Prayer that my proud heart might be Cleaused from all its guilty se ming. Made a temple mete for thee.

Rested grows my weary spirit, All my Father's love I see; war his cheerful, tender accent,
Weak disciple, follow me,"

And, as evening wraps the twilight In its starry mantle's fo d, Though earth's shadows deepen round me, Heaven's sweet sunlight fills my soul.

The Church--- Is It a Social Club, or Divine Foundation ?

When the strains of Thomas' orches tra had died away in one church, to be succeeded by Shakspeareau readings; and when in another church, after a glee club had rejoiced the audience, and por-tions of Julius Cæsar had been recited, the pastor arose, in the place where he ordinarily preaches the gospel of Christ and administers the sacraments, and delivered a "ludicrous" and "inimitably funny " address on " Shall he wear a silk hat ?"—when, we remark, these exer-cises were concluded, it did seem a not unfitting time to ask thinking Christian people: Is the church a social club, or a divine foundation? In the name of God, whom we serve, what is it? Or is it both? Or, if neither, what is it? And we ask these questions now, not in a jesting mood; not wholly in a critical mood; we ask them in a sad and anxious spirit, believing that the true idea of the church is fading out in this country, and that unless something occurs to awaken the hearts of God's people to this truth, the very honor and good name of the institution which our Savior founded will be brought into disrepute and degradation

in many places. D parture from a standard cannot be fully real'z-d till the standard itself is Therefore, to ascertain where the church is to-day let us cite the standard of the divine ideal of the church. In the Old Testament, we see G d gathering his people together, a spiritual household, within the enclosure of the tabernacle; there, whilst priests in stainless robes perform the rites of sacrifice, the Presence comes in clouds of glory, and Israel bows beneath the overwhelming consciousness of a God revealed—a Law proclaimed. In the New Testament where do we find the divine ideal of the church more clearly drawn than in the epistle to the Ephesians, in these words: "Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; that he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water, by the word, that he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having *pot, or wrinkle, or any such thing, but that it should be holy and without blemish," and citing his standard of the church, we affirm our belief that the church in America is losing in many places even the outward semblance of a divine foundation, estimated by the death of the church is and suppers, and entertainments, and body has a jolly time, that church is ht—plenty of life in that church is not one of your "proud, stuck up loved the church, and gave himself for

(a) in the interest of a sesses for religious activity. are now in two classes: Those who encourage such things - on the ground that "the church must be made attractive."-and those who in silence and with sching heart feel that the noble sanctity of God's earthly house (* sanctity that is so far from superstition!) is fast departing.

Second.—There is the growing misap-

prehension about Christian fellowship; the deplorable idea that the church must furnish what the world calls "society." The modern "communion of saints freely believed to involve salad and ices : that your church will not be "successful unless you "get the people together for social intercourse" in church life. truth is, you could not prevent it if you would; but the fellowship of the ideal church is on a basis of Christian work and prayer, and benevolence, and the friendly visit to the stranger, the sympathetic call upon the sick and sad, the natural intermingling of friend with friend, and not on a basis of social pleasure. It is the fellowship that springs up naturally between hearts that are alike earnest to follow Christ, to work for him, to bring the world for him; or that fellowship, different but equally noble, between one who yearns to do good and one who, though not a Christian, feels the power of Christian interest as d sympathy.

Third.—There is a prevalent conven-tionalism that starves the soul. We do not mean what is called "stiffness;" in other words, the reserve common among people of good breeding; we mean the reverse, expressed by the conventional re-ligious phrase, that "everybody must be made to feel at home," which practically means, that before or after divine service everybody must chat with and nod to his neighbor, and gaily discuss current top-ics, in order to dispel the feeling of "stiff-ness." We affirm that this has starved the soul of many and many an attendant at church by driving away thought of seeking Christ in his own means of grace; by utterly dispelling the solemn impres-sions that may have been registered by

the service upon the soul. Along these three lines the Christly ideal of the church is fading out, and is being surplanted by the principles of action suitable in a social club. And this fading out of the Christly ideal has been accelerated by several influences which we can only mention as secondary to our main point. Among these we mention the practice of church sociables, conductby an organized entertainment committee; the practice of arranging fairs, dramatic, literary or musical exhibitions, for the filling of empty treasuries and the

bolstering up of sickly enterprises; the yet grosser practice of "letting out" the church as a concert and lecture hall, or for such nomentionable degradation as may be included under the name "wax may be included under the name "wax works," enticing the public to help pay debts the people ought to pay, or not contract. These things seem to us to be just as surely a possible blotting out from our church life the image and superscription of the Son of God, and to be readering less and less probable the continuance of the church as a saying empobling influthe church as a saving, ennobling influence in modern society. And within the realm of worship there are similar destructive influences at work, which, also, we merely mention. The use of rollicking "revival" songs, that teach little worthy to be learned, that emasculate the gospel story, that involve trivial and gospel story, that involve trivial and worthless tunes; the irreverent and ir-responsible work of choirs which disgrace the se vice of the Divine Being; and, above all, the eccentric, Christless preaching which wanders everywhere for ma-terial, and too seldom to him "in whom dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead."

The combined work of these destruc tive influences has brought about the fol-lowing conditions: It is a sine qua non that a church shall be sociable; it is often the first question asked, "Is your church a social one?" It is the unpard onable sin if you have been six times to the church, and no one has nodded to you. "Ah," you say, "no such church for me. It is too rich and too cold—it has too many diamond ear-rings in it." And the more active a church is socially, the more "live" it is believed to be.

Now let us turn this matter over and look on the other side. In the first place, I deny the premise that to "be sociable" is the first thing to think of in a church. This idea of sociability has become a perfect nightmare in the church life of this country—the doctrine that if you are a stranger and go to a church the first thing for you to do is to watch for a bow, and fied out how much organized sociation in the country of the country o bility there is. The first question in the divine order is, "Do I find the Savior honored here?" and "Does this feed my soul?" Now, if you cease attending there because no one nods, and yet you acknowledge the service and the sermon glorified Christ and fed your soul, I say you have taken a false position, and have made the frightful mistake of assuming that the church exists for social pur-

poses primarily.
It does not! It exists: First, to glorify Christ, the Son of God; second, to proclaim his gospel to the world, and call men to repentance and renewal; third, to feed the religious life of believers by causing them to seek more and more to live "in Christ;" fourth, to comfort all in sorrow, to cheer the faint, to speak words of strength to the tempted,

to rejoice with the strong.

But you say, "Man is a social being; he must find friends." So he must; and so he will unless he holds off. There is always a social life in a church, as I have said, by necessity; there never was a church without it, and you will by degrees work into friendships if you show yourself approachable. But the ideal church subordinates the social to the spiritual; does not try to organize the social element as such; lets it take care of itself and asks only to describe the social selement as such; lets it take care

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nothing but the service going call this Y-nkeeism in church without asking whether it reptrue or a false principle, I only gain the Christly ideal of the emphasizing certain words : also loved the church, and gave for it; that he might sanctify and with the washing of water, by , that he might present it to him-rious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it

should be holy and without blemish." What is the cause of this Yankeeism ? Prople are looking at each other, and not at Christ, and they want the spice of worldly life introduced in the church. If we looked at him and worshiped him, the church would satisfy us, and we would deplore as an intrusion any petty social amusement introduced in connec tion with our church life. We would say Defile not my church-life with the footprints of the world. Let there be one place where the world is not suggested. Let me have one Holy of Holies left in my life; a place where I can commune with my Savior, and lose all thought of smaller matters in the infinite greatness

of Calvary and the heavenly Jerusalem. The conclusion of the whole matter is this: The churches of America, the Christians of America, need the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

To keep alive the aspiration for holiness. If we aspire to that, if we hunger and thirst for God, what do we want of a little paltry amusement in our church It is irrelevant; it is a trial to us. "Take

these things hence."

To bring cut Christ before us on his cross. The spirit of God must clear the air; so that we shall see the cross more clearly, and know what it means, and glory in Christ and him crucified.—Rev. Charles C. Hall, in Christian Union.

I Would exhort those who have entertained a hope of their being true converte, and yet since their supposed conversion have left off the duty of secret prayer, and do ordinarily allow themselves in the omission of it, to throw away their hope; if you have left off calling upon God, it is time for you to leave off hoping and flattering yourself with an imagination that you are the children of God. It is hard for a man to let go a hope of heaven, on which he hath once allowed himself to lay hold, and which he bath retained for a considerable time. Those things in men which, if known to others, would be sufficient to convince others that they are hypocrites, will not convince themselves.—Jonathan Edwards.

THE longer I live the more I feel the importance of adhering to the rules I have laid down for myself in relation to such matters: (1) To bear as little as possible to the prejudice of others. (2) To be-lieve nothing of the kind till I am absolutely forced to it. (3) Never to drink in the spirit of one who circulates an ill report. (4) Always to moderate, as far I can, the unkindness which is expressed toward others. (5) Always believe that, if the other side were heard, a very dif-ferent account would be given of the matMew Advertisements.

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"HERE, my good fellow," said an Eng'ish lord at a Poil de ph a b tel table, as ne slyly laid a dollar under his napkin.
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without moving. "For? Why, that is
for you. Take it." "For me? And why
for me?" "Surely you must understand,"
whispered the lord in astonishment, "that whispered the ford in astonishment, "that is your tip. I never give less than a dollar." "You are mistaken, sir," said the waiter, drawing himself up haughtily. I am paid by the landlord for my services. I accept no 'tips.' I am an American." N. B.—This was told us by a hotel man, who said he hoped to die if it was not true. We are expecting every moment to hear of his death.—Philadelphia Call.

"PLEASE, mum," called the chamber-maid from the head of the stairs, "there's a man up here." "Who is it?" "A pirch-climber." "What does he want?" "He's after your dimonds and jewelry." "Oh, is that all? I didn't know but what he was after the lead pipe and gas fixtures. Come down and let him alone. My husband is perfectly able to buy 'em back, and it will make an attractive item in the newspapers. Oh, say!" "What, mum?" "You might ask him the name of his agent, but let it go. The detectives can tell us in the morning. It will be a re-spectable business man, of course, and he won't charge anything beyond the usual commission."—Detroit Free Press.

A LITTLE girl's mother told her if she went out of the gate she would have to whip her, and in an hour the young one whip her, and in an hour the young one was picked up in the gutter, in the midst of mud-pie-making. "I thought I told you if you went out that gate I'd whip you," said the mother, angrily. "But I didn't do out de date, mamma," replied the kid, in a whimper. "Yes you did, and you've been out here in the street for an hour and look like a rie". "But an hour, and look like a pig." "But, mamma, I didn't do out de date." "Yes you did too, and I'm going to whip you." "I didn't do out de date; I tlum over 'e fence, an' oo tan't whip me 'is time, mamma."—Lampion's Levity.

LITTLE Nell-" Now, Johnny, pretend this is our house, and I'm mamma and you are a gentleman and his wife come to see me." Johnny—"But I can't be a gentleman and his wife too." Little Nell —"No, of course not. There is that horrid dog of Jimmy Brown's C₃ the porch. Bring him in and pretend the dog is your wife." Johnny—"All wight. But you hate that dog, I know you do." Little Nell -" Oh, that don't make any difference. It's all pretend, you know. Coax him in, and I'll hug him and kiss him, and go on just like mamma does when Mrs. Blank calls. That's the way to be perlite, you know."-Philadelphia Call.

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"I HAD one hundred dollars and ten cents in my pocket-book after I left my lawyer's office," a witness testified in a Philadelphia court, the other day, in a pocket-book case. "What! Left the lawyer's office with one hundred dollars in your pocket!" exclaimed the counsel for the defence, in a tone of am zement. "Well, it may have occurred. I don't think the bar as a whole is as talented as it used to be."

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"DIDN'T I tell you that I didn't want to see you in this court-room again?" asked a police judge of an Irishman. "Yes, sor." "And didn't you promise that I would never see you again?" "I did, your honor." "Then, why do I see you?" "Because ye are not blind, yer honor."

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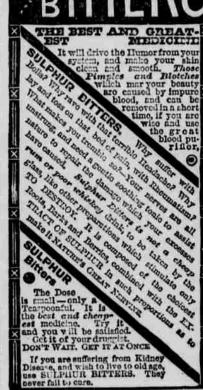
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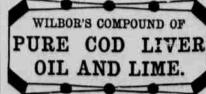
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